

agreement on the full normalization of relations between Israel and the Kingdom of Bahrain;

Whereas the United Arab Emirates is the first Gulf Arab state to announce formal relations with Israel, followed closely by Bahrain;

Whereas, under each agreement, the two countries agree to the establishment of reciprocal embassies and the exchange of Ambassadors;

Whereas opening direct ties between Israel and the United Arab Emirates could begin to transform the region by spurring economic growth, enhancing technological innovation, and forging closer people-to-people relations;

Whereas the agreements could promote investment, tourism, direct flights, security, telecommunications, technology, energy, healthcare, culture, and the environment;

Whereas the United States, Israel, and the United Arab Emirates share a commitment to promoting stability through diplomatic engagement, increased economic integration, and closer security coordination;

Whereas Israel and the United Arab Emirates will partner with the United States to launch a Strategic Agenda for the Middle East to expand diplomatic, trade, and security cooperation;

Whereas President Donald J. Trump, His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa bin Salman al-Khalifa of the Kingdom of Bahrain, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel announced on September 11, 2020, the establishment of full diplomatic relations between Israel and the Kingdom of Bahrain;

Whereas the United States, Bahrain, and Israel said in a joint statement that “opening direct dialogue and ties between these two dynamic societies and advanced economies will continue the positive transformation of the Middle East and increase stability, security, and prosperity in the region”;

Whereas opening direct ties between Israel, the United Arab Emirates, and Bahrain could begin to transform the region by spurring economic growth, enhancing technological innovation, and forging closer people-to-people relations;

Whereas these historic agreements could help advance peace between Israel and other Arab nations and further diplomatic openings throughout the region;

Whereas, in 2019, His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed al Nahyan proclaimed the year 2019 “the Year of Tolerance” in the United Arab Emirates and also established the Abrahamic House of Fraternity as a project designed to promote religious diversity and tolerance;

Whereas support for peace between Israel and her neighbors has longstanding bipartisan support in Congress and among the American people;

Whereas these agreements build upon the decades-long leadership of the United States in helping Israel broker peace treaties with Egypt and Jordan and promoting peace talks between Israel and Syria, Lebanon, and the Palestinians; and

Whereas the parties pledged to continue their efforts to achieve a just, comprehensive, and enduring resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Governments and people of Israel, the United Arab Emirates, and the Kingdom of Bahrain on reaching these historic agreements;

(2) encourages other Arab nations to establish full relations with Israel with the vision of realizing full peace between Israel and all of its Arab neighbors; and

(3) reaffirms its strong support for a negotiated solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict resulting in two states—a demo-

cratic Jewish State of Israel and a viable, democratic Palestinian state—living side-by-side in peace, security, and mutual recognition.

## SENATE RESOLUTION 710—COMMEMORATING THE HIGH HOLIDAYS CELEBRATED AND COMMEMORATED BY THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES, IN ISRAEL, AND AROUND THE WORLD, AND RECOGNIZING THE MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CRAMER (for himself and Ms. ROSEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 710

Whereas the Jewish community in the United States has contributed in varied and significant ways to all areas of life in the United States since Jewish immigrants first arrived on the shores of the United States in 1654;

Whereas, in 2020, the High Holidays recognized and celebrated by the Jewish people in the United States and around the world will begin on September 18, 2020, with Rosh Hashanah, and conclude on September 28, 2020, with Yom Kippur;

Whereas Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, begins at sundown on September 18, 2020, the first day of Tishrei, 5781 on the Hebrew calendar;

Whereas Rosh Hashanah is also known as “Yom Teruah”, the Day of Sounding of the Shofar, the ancient ram’s horn;

Whereas the traditional greeting for Rosh Hashanah in Hebrew is “Shana Tova u’Metukah”, which means “have a happy and sweet new year”;

Whereas Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, begins at sundown on September 27, 2020, the tenth day of Tishrei, 5781 on the Hebrew calendar, and is the holiest day of the year for the Jewish people, who spend the day praying united as one people; and

Whereas the traditional greeting for Yom Kippur in Hebrew is “G’mar Hatima Tova”, which means “may you be inscribed in the book of life” and is an offering of a healthy, peaceful, and fulfilling year: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) demonstrates solidarity with, and support for, members of the Jewish community in the United States, in Israel, and throughout the world;

(2) recognizes and celebrates the many accomplishments and contributions of the Jewish community in the United States;

(3) recommits to combating all forms of anti-Semitism, which threaten Jews and non-Jews alike; and

(4) wishes the Jewish people of the United States and around the world a “Chag Sameach” (“happy holidays” in Hebrew) and a sweet new year full of peace and prosperity.

## AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2657. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. RUBIO) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1646, to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in St. Augustine, Florida, as the “Leo C. Chase Jr. Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”.

SA 2658. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. BRAUN, and Ms. HASSAN)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 924, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to require training and education to teachers and other school employees, students, and the community about how to prevent, recognize, respond to, and report child sexual abuse in primary and secondary education.

SA 2659. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Ms. SMITH) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1160, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to increase support for mental health.

## TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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On page 2, line 2, insert before the period the following: “or the ‘Leo C. Chase Jr. VA Clinic’”.

**SA 2658.** Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. BRAUN, and Ms. HASSAN)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 924, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to require training and education to teachers and other school employees, students, and the community about how to prevent, recognize, respond to, and report child sexual abuse in primary and secondary education; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Jenna Quinn Law”.

### SEC. 2. CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AWARENESS FIELD INITIATED GRANTS.

Section 105(a) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(8) CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AWARENESS FIELD INITIATED GRANTS.—The Secretary may award grants under this subsection to entities, for periods of up to 5 years, in support of field-initiated innovation projects that advance, establish, or implement innovative evidence-based or evidence-informed child sexual abuse awareness and prevention programs by—

“(A) improving student awareness of child sexual abuse, including how to recognize, prevent, and safely report child sexual abuse;

“(B) training teachers, school employees, and other mandatory reporters and adults who work with children in a professional or volunteer capacity, including with respect to recognizing child sexual abuse and safely reporting child sexual abuse; or

“(C) providing information to parents and guardians of students about child sexual abuse awareness and prevention, including how to prevent, recognize, respond to, and report child sexual abuse and how to discuss child sexual abuse with a child.”.

**SA 2659.** Mr. MCCONNELL (for Ms. SMITH) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1160, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to increase support for mental health; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Supporting Family Mental Health in CAPTA Act”.

#### SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT ACT.

(a) NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE.—Section 103(b) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5104(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “effective programs,” and inserting “evidence-based and evidence-informed programs,”;

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (5) through (9) as paragraphs (6) through (10), respectively; and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (4), the following:

“(5) maintain and disseminate, as appropriate, information that describes best practices for making appropriate referrals related to, and addressing, the health, mental health, and developmental needs of victims of child abuse or neglect;”.

(b) RESEARCH AND ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES.—Section 104 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5105) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking subparagraph (F) and inserting the following:

“(F) effective approaches to interagency collaboration between the child welfare protection system, the juvenile justice system, and other relevant agencies engaged with children and families that improve the delivery of services and treatment (including related to domestic violence, mental health, or substance use disorders) for continuity of treatment plan and services as children transition between systems;”;

(ii) by redesignating subparagraphs (N) and (O) as subparagraphs (P) and (Q), respectively;

(iii) by inserting after subparagraph (M) the following:

“(N) methods to address geographic, racial, and cultural disparities in the child welfare system, including a focus on access to services;

“(O) evidence-based and evidence-informed programs to prevent child abuse and neglect in families that have not had contact with the child welfare system;”;

(iv) in subparagraph (P), as redesignated by clause (ii), by striking “subparagraph (O)” and inserting “subparagraph (Q)”;

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “paragraph (1)(O)” and inserting “paragraph (1)(Q)”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively;

(B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) CONTENT.—The technical assistance under paragraph (1) shall be designed to, as applicable, promote best practices for addressing child abuse and neglect in families with complex needs, such as families who have experienced domestic violence, substance use disorders, and adverse childhood experiences.”;

(C) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated—

(i) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and” after the semicolon;

(ii) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”;

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(E) ways to reduce geographic, racial, and cultural disparities in the child protection system, which may include engaging law enforcement, education, health, and other relevant systems in such efforts.”.

(c) GRANTS TO STATES.—Section 106 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106a) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (6)—

(i) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and” after the semicolon; and

(ii) by striking subparagraph (D) and inserting the following:

“(D) training in early childhood, child, and adolescent development and the impact of child abuse and neglect, and the long-term impacts of adverse childhood experiences; and

“(E) training to improve coordination among child protective service agencies, entities providing health care services (including mental health and substance use disorder services), and community resources, for purposes of conducting evaluations related to substantiated cases of child abuse or neglect; and

“(F) training regarding the links between child abuse and neglect and domestic violence, and approaches to working with families with mental health needs or substance use disorder;”.

(d) APPLICATION.—Section 204(7) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116d(7)) is amended to read as follows:

“(7) a description of the criteria that the entity will use to—

“(A) select and fund local programs, and how the lead entity will take into consideration the local program’s ability to—

“(i) collaborate with other community-based organizations and service providers and engage in long-term and strategic planning with respect to community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect;

“(ii) meaningfully partner with parents in the development, implementation, oversight, and evaluation of services;

“(iii) reduce barriers to access to community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect, including for diverse, underserved, and at-risk populations; or

“(B) develop or provide community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect, and provide a description of how such activities are evidence-based or evidence-informed.”.

#### SEC. 3. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.

The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 3, by amending paragraph (5) to read as follows:

“(5) the terms ‘Indian’, ‘Indian Tribe’, and ‘Tribal organization’ have the meanings given the terms ‘Indian’, ‘Indian tribe’, and ‘tribal organization’, respectively, in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b);”;

(2) by striking “tribe” each place such term appears (other than in section 3(5)) and inserting “Tribe”; and

(3) by striking “tribal” each place such term appears (other than in section 3(5)) and inserting “Tribal”.

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBJECT TO PROCEEDING

I, Senator JACKY ROSEN, intend to object to proceeding to the nomination of John M. Barger, of California, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board dated September 17, 2020.

Mr. President, I rise today to deliver my formal notice of intent to object to

the nomination of John M. Barger of California to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. LEE. Mr. President, I have 5 requests for committees to meet during today’s session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today’s session of the Senate:

##### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

##### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 17, 2020, at a time to be determined, to conduct a hearing.

##### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

##### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

##### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct a business meeting and executive session on nominations.

#### RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following Senate resolutions, which were submitted earlier today: S. Res. 702 through S. Res. 707.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles, where applicable, be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolutions (S. Res. 702, S. Res. 703, S. Res. 704, S. Res. 705, and S. Res. 706) were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to. (The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today’s RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)